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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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Serial No.: 10/075,706

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For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE

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Group Art

Unit: 2818

Examiner: Unknown

PETITION SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice to file missing parts mailed on April 26, 2002 indicating a missing declaration, applicant would like to respectfully point out that a copy of a properly executed declaration was submitted with the above-identified continuation application at the time of filing on February 13, 2002.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

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Applicants also submit herewith a copy of the properly executed declaration.

Applicants also submit herewith the Declaration of Thomas F. Lebens (hereinafter referred to as the Lebens declaration) and supporting Exhibits A-C as evidence indicating that the declaration was in fact deposited in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 13, 2002. Thomas F. Lebens is the attorney who filed the present application.¹

As shown in the Lebens declaration and the Express Mail Mailing Label of Exhibit A, Applicants properly deposited the nonprovisional application papers, including the properly executed declaration, with the United States postal Service by "Express Mail Post office to Addressee" in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on February 13,2002.²

The MPEP states that "a postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as prima facie evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO." Additionally, the MPEP

¹Lebens declaration, paragraph 3

²Lebens declaration, paragraphs 4-9 and Exhibit A

³MPEP § 503

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parts of the application being submitted should be separately listed on the postcard, e.g., the number of pages of specification (including written description, claims and abstract), number of claims, number of sheets of drawings, number of pages of oath/declaration."

Furthermore, the person receiving the item(s) in the USPTO will check the listing on the postcard against the items(s) being filed to be sure they are properly identified and that all the items listed on the postcard are presently being submitted to the USPTO. If any items listed on the postcard are not being submitted to the USPTO, those items will be crossed off and the postcard initialed by the person receiving the items.

As provided in the attached Declaration of Thomas F. Lebens and the Return Receipt Postcard of Exhibit B, Applicants' Return Receipt Postcard clearly identified all parts of the application and accompanying documents (e.g. the declaration) in accordance with the exact suggestion provided in MPEP § 503, i.e., identifying the number of pages of specification (including written

⁴MPEP § 503

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description, claims and abstract), number of claims, number of sheets of drawings, and number of pages of oath/declaration. The postcard of Exhibit B clearly identifies that the declaration was included in the submitted documents.

As is clearly shown, the copy of the Return Receipt Postcard is date stamped February 13, 2002. Furthermore, no items listed the Return Receipt Postcard are crossed off and initialed by the person receiving the submission in the USPTO. 10

Therefore, in accordance with MPEP § 503, the Return Receipt Postcard of Exhibit B establishes prima facie evidence that the declaration was in fact deposited in the USPTO with the nonprovisional application on February 13, 2002.

Additionally, the declaration of Thomas F. Lebens outlines his standard procedure used for filing a nonprovisional application in the USPTO. This standard practice includes (1) counting the number of pages of the specification confirming that all pages are included and

⁷Lebens declaration, paragraphs 10-14 and Exhibit B

⁸Lebens declaration, paragraph 13 and Exhibit B

⁹Lebens declaration, paragraph 11 and Exhibit B

¹⁰Lebens declaration, Exhibit B

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in proper sequence¹¹ to verify the information listed on the transmittal prior to signing the transmittal and (2) counting all of the claims of the application to verify the information listed on the transmittal prior to signing the transmittal¹². The Utility Patent Application Transmittal of Exhibit C and the transmittal filed in the present application indicate that a declaration was submitted.¹³

This standard practice also includes (3) counting all of the pages of the parts of the filing (including the number of pages of the specification) and comparing to that stated on the Return Receipt Postcard prior to initialing the Return Receipt Postcard¹⁴, (4) attaching the written description, drawings and Declaration/Power of Attorney together¹⁵ and (5) recounting the attached papers again verifying that the number of pages matches that indicated on the Return Receipt Postcard before the

¹¹Lebens declaration, paragraph 17

¹²Lebens declaration, paragraph 17

¹³Lebens declaration, paragraph 15 and Exhibit C

¹⁴Lebens declaration, paragraph 19

¹⁵Lebens declaration, paragraph 18

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papers are placed and sealed in the Express mail envelope¹⁶.

Mr. Lebens has followed this practice since at least prior to the beginning of 2001.¹⁷ Therefore, based upon his standard practice and his detailed manner, Mr. Lebens is certain that the declaration was included with the nonprovisional application papers deposited with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on February 13, 2002.¹⁸

CONCLUSION

Therefore, based upon the Return Receipt

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standard practice of the attorney who filed the present

application, Applicants have shown above that the

declaration was in fact deposited with the United States

Patent & Trademark Office on February 13, 2002. Thus,

Applicants respectfully request and hereby petition that

the Notice to File Missing Parts is hereby withdrawn.

¹⁶Lebens declaration, paragraph 19

¹⁷Lebens declaration, paragraph 20

¹⁸Lebens declaration, paragraph 22

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Should there remain any outstanding issues it is respectfully requested the office telephone the undersigned at (858) 587-7644 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

mas F. Lebens eg. No. 38,221

Attachments:

Notice to File Missing Parts Declaration for Utility or Design

Patent Application

Declaration of Thomas F. Lebens

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DECLARATION OF THOMAS F. LEBENS

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

- I, Thomas F. Lebens, declare as follows:
- 1. I am currently registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. My registration number is 38,221.

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- 2. I am presently a legal representative of Applicants in the present application.
- 3. I personally submitted the present application. I reviewed the application and verified the application was complete and included 33 pages of specification including 21 claims on pages 29 through 32.
- 4. I submitted along with the present application a complete and properly executed declaration consisting of 3 pages.
- 5. I filed the present application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 13, 2002.
- 6. The present application and transmittal documents were deposited with the United States Postal Service (USPS) by "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.
- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the original Express Mail Mailing Label, Express Mail Label No. EL870857809US, that accompanied the present application and transmittal documents on February 13, 2002.

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The Express Mail Mailing Label of Exhibit A indicates the "date in" as February 13, 2001.

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- The present application and transmittal documents were deposited directly with an employee of the San Luis Obispo USPS. This employee initialed and dated the Express Mail Mailing Label with a date of February 13, 2001 and provided the Express Mail Mailing Label of Exhibit A.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a copy of the Return Receipt Postcard included with the documents deposited with the USPS on February 13, 2002 and as returned to Applicants from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
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- The Return Receipt Postcard also is labeled with Express Mail No. EL870857809US.
- It is my standard practice to include a Return Receipt Postcard that accompanies every submission I file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. It is my standard practice that the Return Receipt Postcard accompanying a new application clearly

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identify all parts being filed, e.g., the number of pages in the specification (including the written description, claims and abstract), number of claims, number of sheets of drawings, number of pages of declaration, etc. in accordance with MPEP 503.

- 14. The Return Receipt Postcard of Exhibit B lists 3 sheets of Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application included in the submission of February 13, 2002 in accordance with MPEP 503.
- 15. Also attached hereto as Exhibit C is a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal deposited with the USPS to be sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office with the present application on February 13, 2002.
- 16. The Transmittal of Exhibit C also is labeled with Express Mail Label No. EL870857809US and also lists a Declaration.
- determining the number of pages that should be listed on a Utility Patent Application Transmittal to review the specification and accompanying documents and count the number of pages to ensure that every page is present in the application and verify that pages are not missing.

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- components of the submission are assembled, to begin my preliminary review of the documents, executing the documents where required. Upon reviewing the Declaration, I check each page to ensure that each inventor has properly executed the Declaration. Once the documents are prepared to my satisfaction and executed by me, my assistant copies the submission as required and the pages of the Declaration are attached together using a staple punched into the upper left corner of these papers. The submission is then re-inventoried by my assistant and re-submitted to me as reassembled with a large binder clip used to secure the submission.
 - personally review the completed submission having been attached as described in Paragraph 18. My review includes ensuring that all of the papers listed on the Return Receipt Postcard are present. My review also includes re-counting all of the pages to verify that the exact number of pages as listed in the Return Receipt Postcard are present. Once I have completed this review, I personally ensure that all items of the submission are placed into the Express Mail envelope and I personally seal the envelope.

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- 20. I have generally followed this practice since my first filings with the United States Patent & Trademark Office.
- 21. I have specifically followed the practice described above since at least prior to the beginning of 2001. As such, I estimate that I have filed over 40 applications in accordance with this specific practice.
- personal orientation toward detail, I am certain that a properly executed declaration was sent with the Express Mail package labeled Express Mail Label No. EL870857809US to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 13, 2002.
- herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patents issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

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